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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer.

TOO MUCH CELERITY.

The despatches from Washington announce, with meagre lineage, that the United States Senate passed the pension appropriation bill, just as it came from committee, in the full sum of \$163,000,000, in FOUR MINUTES TIME, including the \$25,000,000 advance on last year's allotment in this behalf.

Without disparaging for an instant honorable claim of every veteran in the land, and of every veteran's widow and children, we are compelled to note the marvelous celerity with which this enormous sum of the peoples' money is voted from the treasury, in contradistinction to the toiling, mulling, laggard and contentious time devoted to other great and instant demands of administration. We cannot dispense with this tremendous item with any such brevity as that wherewith it is heralded to the country; we know the "pension" claims and bills are all a matter of strict and regular procedure, that they are calculated, formulated and presented with exact and (perhaps) faultless accuracy and record; but the flippant, airy, impersonal, immaterial fashion of hurrying this vast amount of government money abroad, smacks of something far worse than mere routine intimacy the honorable claim of every veteran in with the function, and reflects seriously upon the doctrine of careful supervision and public care for the common weal imposed upon the Congress of the land. It is such things as this that start, with color and substance, the cry of "Graft."

UP TO THE PEOPLE.

Nine days ago the local option agitation opened up in this city; almost day and night the people in interest, for, and against, have been striving to meet on a common ground of expediency and ward off the climax of popular expression on the issue at the June polls. All efforts have failed and the matter goes up to the people of precincts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

So far as we have been able to analyze the situation, the beginning of the whole thing rests with the man or men who set on foot the petition to open up No. 7; superinduced by the flagrant and determined refusal of a majority of the saloonmen to observe the Sunday closing law, and the laches of the officers of the law in failing to bring them to time.

The whole thing is unfortunate, inopportune and needless, at this time.

Unfortunate, because it injects into a pending campaign elements that invariably tend to embitter and involve the electorate and widen the field of acrid and vain discussion; inopportune, because it hampers and narrows the efforts that should be given largely and generously to the fisheries interests of Astoria, the chief, the most valuable, element of public concern in this city, valley and State, and ranking with the local option issue in importance, and in some ways exceeding it; needless, because the chance was placed fairly and squarely in the hands of people in place and time, and they squandered it and did not.

At all events, it is now where there will be no discounting results what ever they may be: The people themselves are going to settle it after their own restless fashion. And by way of forecast, we venture the statement that No. 7 will remain "dry"; Nos. 2 and 5 will go "dry"; and Nos. 3 and 4 will remain "wet." The whole thing is thoroughly understood in the city; there are no ambiguities surrounding it; the merits are known of

all men, and the event of it all will be of patent concern to Astoria which ever way it falls.

FIGHT FOR FISHERIES.

The fight of the hour is on. That for the preservation of the salmon fisheries of the Columbia river, where in 10,000 men and millions of dollars are engaged, and which is pursued here in the lower reaches, with rational and reputable methods, conserving the best interests of the industry in all ways, as against the coldly selfish, reckless and ruinous policy of a paltry group of paltry men, who, by devices and customs that absorb the very eggs, fry and fingerlings of the tribe of fish in question, are making unearned and dishonest profits and wrecking one of the finest and largest fields of labor in all Oregon.

The effort will be made from here to reach the last voter in the State with short, incisive, clear statements; of the real conditions besetting the trade and praying for the vote that shall save it. We can only hope that the Oregon electorate will fully sense the danger and cast its protecting arm over the threatened industry, and nullify, once, and forever, the menace of greed and malpractice overshadowing it. We shall do our best at every turn, and every man in Astoria will do the same along such lines as are open to him.

We cannot afford to discount, by even a fraction, the peril confronting this splendid activity which has its strongest representation and interest at this end of the river, but which has its significance for the great wide State and all men therein, because it is one of the commanding businesses of the commonwealth and the Northwest. We must, and will, make response to the call, promptly, honestly and successfully, and bring every friend we have within the working radius of our influence to this end.

EDITORIAL SALAD

Following the Denver Convention Judge Parker will again seek the seclusion of Esopus.

Taft's first work was reportorial. He is therefore aware that condensed style is a good thing to cultivate.

For the time being the garden rake will usurp the place of the muck rake. "Hail, gentle spring; ethereal mildness, hail!"

Two battleships at \$10,000,000 each is a pretty large order in time of peace, with expenditures running ahead of revenue.

It would puzzle mathematicians to find a fraction small enough to show Mr. Bryan's chance of carrying either New York or Illinois.

The jingoes have reached the conclusion that neither the United States nor Japan is foolish enough to allow itself to be prodded into needless quarrels.

One thing has been found out in the currency question. An extra session last fall could not have settled a matter for which a large advisory commission is now suggested.

DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Charles Rogers & Son drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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MISUSE OF LABOR.

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CHICAGO, April 29.—In the criminal court, before Judge Chetlain today, will begin a legal battle which promises to be one of the most remarkable in the history of Chicago. Several hundred witnesses will be called on to testify, and all the old animosity of a bitter political campaign will be reopened. The case is that of the people of the State of Illinois against John M. Collins, former chief of police and Frank D. Comerford, former police attorney, who are charged with conspiracy to defraud the city of Chicago of the services of its policemen.

The prosecution will be conducted by States Attorney Healy and his assistant Jas. D. Barbour. Attorneys Nathaniel C. Sears and James Hamilton Lewis will represent Former Chief Collins. Attorney Comerford will plead his own case.

The prosecution expects to show that 300 or more policemen by the direct orders of Chief Collins and of Police Attorney Comerford, were taken from their regular duties shortly before the election of Mayor Busse and set to work campaigning for the re-election of Former Mayor Dunne. Some were at this work, it is alleged for as long as two weeks.

The indictment is under the old conspiracy law, under which many convictions for the misuse of public funds have been obtained, but the defendants deny that such an offense as the misuse of labor is within the contemplation of the statute.

FOR YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

try the following delightful dessert: 1/2 cup English Walnut meats. 1 doz. figs, cut up fine. 1 10c. package JELL-O, any flavor. Dissolve the JELL-O in a pint of boiling water. When cool and just commencing to thicken stir in the figs and nuts. Serve with Whipped Cream. Delicious. The walnuts, figs and JELL-O can be bought at any good grocery. This makes enough dessert for a large family and is very economical.

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